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STATE OF THE CENTER

What is the state of the Center?

Well at this point, the Center is not very healthy. It seems to be suffering the usual malaise that hits every few months. No one is around, and we don't have the money to keep on paying rent on unused space.

It wasn't too long ago that there was lot of interest and concern about the Community Center, who was going to run it, where it would be, what groups would be involved, etc. It has been my experience that the level of interest fluctuates with the greatest amount of concern and involvement surfacing around elections and Pride Week in June. Its appropriate that people show their concern at these times, but what about the rest of the year?

Now there is virtually no use of the facility, groups are in hibernation, the Helpline is in dire need of volunteers, etc. etc.

Does any one have any suggestions?

At this point there are some groups that are continuing to meet, but not at the Center. Money is still being donated by some individuals and groups, but not really enough.

Fund raisers are a possibility but that takes more than one or two people.

There lies the problem. Once again there are only a handful of people involved, clearly not enough to make it happen.

At this point we, the Board, are discussing the possibility of responding to the low ebb in interest by closing the physical location, continuing to print the newsletter and keeping the HELPLINE functioning (advertising and donations will help pay for the HELPLINE).

One concerned person suggested that the Center be located in another location, this is a possibility, what do you think?

It is important to remember that the Pikes Peak Gay Community Center is for all of us, not just a few, don't let a few decide the fate of the Center, voice your opinions. Come to the next Board meeting.

S-CAP OPENS PUEBLO OFFICE

"In an effort to enhance community awareness" the Southern Colorado Aids Project (SCAP) has formed the Pueblo Aids Coalition (PAC). The emphasis will be on primary intervention focusing on high risk behaviors rather than high risk groups.

PAC consists of representatives from such agencies as: St. Mary-Corwin Hospital, Parkview Episcopal Hospital, pastoral care, School Districts 60 and 70, University of Southern Colorado, Pueblo Police and Fire Departments, adolescent child care facilities, Sangre de Cristo Hospice,
and S-CAP.

For more information contact Dan Otoupalik, Pueblo County Health Dept. (544-8376) or Alan Cohn, St. Mary-Corwin Hospital (560-5260 or 560-4000). (S-CAP NEWSLETTER, 12/88)

THE "COURT" HELPS KIDS AND THEIR FAMILIES ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS

The Imperial Court of Southern Colorado (ICSC) raised $2009.08 at their annual Winter Cotillion and at a Christmas function at the Hourglass Lounge.

This money and the toy drive helped 21 families and 47 children enjoy the Holidays.

Upcoming Court events include the annual "Mr. Right Contest" scheduled for January 28 at the Hide & Seek. The Grand

Prize will be $100.00, and this year there will be no cover charge.

Gay Night at the Iron Springs Chateau is scheduled for March 4. (see article)

YOU ARE INVITED TO A GAY NIGHT OF GOOD FOOD AND GREAT FUN

The Imperial Court of Southern Colorado (ICSC) and the Iron Springs Chateau are co-sponsoring the annual Gay Night at the Chateau, March 4. Cocktails at 6p.m., dinner at 7p.m. and the show is set for 8:30p.m.

This very popular event includes the melodrama "Wedded to a Villain", a sing-a-long intermission, and a "musical extravaganza" olio.

The cost for dinner (all you can eat) and the show is $19.50 for non-Court members and $18.50 for Court members. For just the show, $10.50 for non-members and $9.50 for members of ICSC. For tickets call Barb at 593-9606 or Dan at 594-0279. (ED. NOTE: We encourage everyone in the community to make their reservations early. This is a great time for everyone!)

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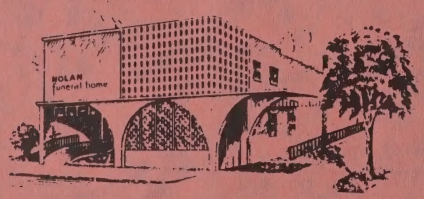

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VALENTINES DAY DANCE AT COLUMBINE LODGE FEBRUARY 11

The Community is invited to Columbine Lodge on February 11 to their Valentines Day Dance and Romance, the night begins at 8p.m.

For a truly romantic evening plan to dance, enjoy a bottle of champagne (or non-alcoholic wine), special meat and cheese tray for two, flowers, a room at the lodge for the night and continental breakfast the next morning. All this for just $36.00 per couple!

If you plan to take advantage of the package please call the Lodge as soon as possible and make your reservations soon.

If you and your Valentine want to come just for the dance, you will be treated to a great dance, munchies and good company for just $2.00 per person.

VALENTINES DAY IS GETTING CLOSER, HAVE YOU SENT US YOUR STORY?

What does Valentines Day mean to you? Are you a romantic? Does it remind you of a lost love or a renewed passion?

Write to us at GAYSPEAK and share with us. We'll be printing your responses in the February issue, so the dead-line for all submissions is January 17, 1989.

We also want to hear from those couples who have been together for a long time. What's your secret?

We will be discreet and we won't print your names without permission.

Please send your submissions to GAY-SPEAK, PO BOX 574, COLO. SPGS., CO 80901

"HEARTBEAT" IS OBJECT OF MASSIVE NEGATIVE LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN

"Heartbeat" the popular entry of the winter television season set in a Women's Medical Center is the object of an intensive campaign by right-wing fundamentalists to cancel the Lesbian character named "Marilyn". The five pilot episodes featured a positive portrayal of Marilyn's lesbian relationship and the problems she encounters with her daughter's less than supportive attitude.

ABC is receiving 1400 to 1800 letters per week demand-ing the cancellation of the character or the show.

A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM THE GAY-/LESBIAN COMMUNITY AND FRIENDS IS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY!!

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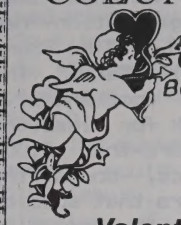

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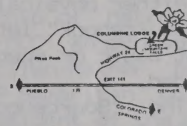

LESBIAN MOTHERS GROUP MEETING AT COLUMBINE LODGE:

"Child Custody Issues" to be topic of discussion the Lesbian Mothers Group meets every Sunday afternoon at 1p.m. at the Columbine Lodge. These meetings "will be a time for women who are the mothers of young and grown children, for women involved with women who have children, (or would like to be), or for women contemplating motherhood, to come together and form a supportive network."

Sunday January 22, Attorney Julie Wolf will present a workshop dealing with Child Custody Issues. For more information call Barbara or Marty at 684-9062. (COLUMBINE LODGE NEWSLETTER 1/89).

PWA NEWSLETTERS:

"Treatment News", GMHC Department of Medical Information, 132 West 24th St. Box 274, New York, NY 10011

"AIDS Treatment News" Box 411256, San Francisco, CA 94141.

"PWA Coalition Newsline" 263A West 19th St., Rm. 125, New York, NY 10011

"Alert" 5300 Santa Monica Blvd. Suite 304, Los Angeles, CA 90029.

"The Body Positive" 263A W. 19th St., New York, NY 10011.

NATIONAL LESBIAN/GAY HEALTH FOUNDATION PUBLISHES NATIONAL HEALTHCARE SOURCEBOOK

The National Lesbian/Gay Health Foundation (NLGHF)--the oldest national lesbian and gay health organization--has published the second edition of "The Sourcebook on Lesbian/ Gay Health Care." The "Sourcebook" is the ONLY comprehensive directory and resource book for lesbians and gay men. It contains more than 2,000 listings of doctors, clinics, counseling services and research centers that specialize in lesbian and gay health care, as well as 42 articles by leading experts on lesbian and gay health issues. The "Sourcebook" covers every state in the United States as well as Canada, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

"This book is a must," said William A. Scott, a co-editor. "Being gay or lesbian doesn't mean you have to suffer more than any other segment of the population either physically or psychologically. The "Sourcebook" lets you know where to go to get basic or specialized health care," he added.

The "Sourcebook" which is sold for $14.00, is available in bookstores across the country or by contacting the NLGHF, PO BOX 65472, Washington D.C., 20035 (202/797-3708).

FORT COLLINS GROUP TO PUT OUT NEWSLETTER COVERING OUR CIVIL RIGHTS

FORT COLLINS--Civil Rights For Individuals (CRI), the organization which started investigations of alleged civil rights violations involving gays and helped push the Gay Rights issue in Fort Collins, plans to publish a newsletter.

This newsletter will cover social and political issues including the "future of political and social events in this area." For more information write to: Civil Rights for Individuals, 300 Smith St., Fort Collins, CO 80524 (TURNAROUND, 12/88)

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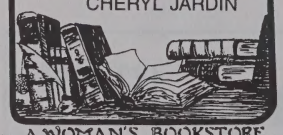
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AIDS DATA SOUGHT IN PITTSBURGH

A second attempt to learn how many Americans carry the AIDS virus was launched Monday with the mailing of letters to 350 Pittsburgh-area households asking people to anonymously reveal their sexual practices and give blood in return for $50.00.

The survey, intended to learn whether people would cooperate in a nationwide AIDS study, is being conducted with the blessing of 21 diverse community representatives in hopes of avoiding the public relations fiasco that scuttled the first effort in Washington DC.

(GAZETTE TELEGRAPH, 1/19/89)

ELLEN RATNER, FIRST PERSON OF JEWISH FAITH TO JOIN BOARD OF CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

LOS ANGELES--Samaritan College and the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) announced today the appointment of Ellen Ratner to the Board of Trustees of Samaritan College. Ms. Ratner is the President of the National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation -- the oldest lesbian and gay health organization in the country--and is a nationally recognized leader of the lesbian and gay community. The UFMCC--a 20 year-old international network of congregations that provides lesbians and gays with the opportunity for religious worship--established Samaritan College as a training seminary for clergy representing the Metropolitan Community Churches.

Ms. Ratner is the first person of the Jewish faith to be appointed to the Board of Samaritan College, a substantially Christian organi-zation. Ms. Ratner's appointment reflects a decisive step toward establishing the College as the first accredited university with a predominantly gay and lesbian student body--Samaritan's long-term objective.

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As the Lodge continues to grow and to expand Barbara and Marty are re-defining what they need from "volunteers" as well as those who wish to work at the Lodge doing "trade-outs and bartering."

They are expanding not only the scope of the events offered at Columbine but also they are actively planning and organizing a wide variety of events and activities to be sponsored by Columbine Lodge.

Some of the events include the special Valentines Dance and Romance package on February 11; a St. Patrick's Day dance (maybe a corned beef and cabbage dinner?); workshops; white water rafting; movie nights; game nights; catered camping extravaganzas; concerts; the First Annual Columbine Lodge Fun Run/Stroll; Spring Renewal Celebration, etc.

They explain that, "In an effort to keep these events affordable we must depend on those who are willing to trade their time and energy for time spent both here at the Lodge and in participating in Lodge sponsored events, at greatly reduced prices.

They have defined what they feel are the two groups that their "helpers" fall into. They are VOLUNTEER and TRADE-OUT/BARTER.

A "volunteer" is a pearson who gives freely of their time and energy. Usually these are people who just "pitch-in" spontaneously, not on a scheduled basis or with any expectations. Those who want to work for "trade-out/barter" time are those who are willing to commit to pre-arranged, specific responsibilities for a specific, pre-arranged amount of time and for a specific compensation.

There are many things at Columbine that can be done under this system. Some examples include: working the "door" during events, cooking, setting up for events clean-up, cleaning rooms, cleaning the lodge, serving during events, out-door maintenance, repairs, re-doing rooms, etc.

A "credit" system will be established as compensation and that credit can be used to go towards lodging and up to 50% off on special events.

For more information about this plan and upcoming events, call Columbine Lodge and talk with Marty, Barbara or Michelle.

40+ AND FRIENDS

Wed. Jan 25 - Meeting subject - The Positive Self
Wed. Feb. 8 - Meeting subject - How To Handle Resentments
Sat. Feb.18 - Chili cook out. Manitou Lake, 11 a.m. Entire community invited. Chili provided, bring snacks etc.
Wed, Feb.22 - Meeting subject - Co-dependency. Guest speaker.
Wed. Mar. 8 - Meeting subject - Answering questions about Alcohol.
Sat. Mar.18 - Spaghetti pot luck, 5 p.m.
Wed. Mar.22 - Meeting subject - Sexual Intimacy
Wed. Apr. 5 - Meeting subject - Monogamous vs Open Relationships
Sat. Apr.15 - Brunch, 11 a.m.
Wed. Apr.19 - Meeting subject - Confrontations

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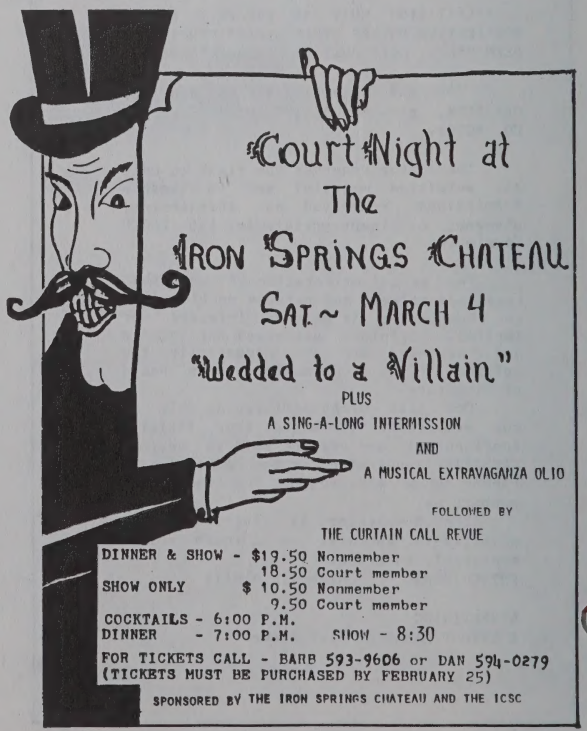
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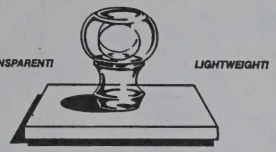

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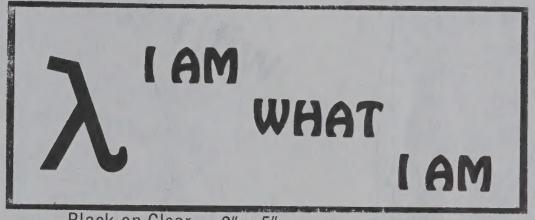

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